

RIVER COMMISSIONER

RICHFIELD, UTAH

April 12, 1973

Mr. Roger Walker
River Commissioner
Delta RFD, Utah 84624

Re: Piute Reservoir early releases

Dear Roger:

Due to heavy snow packs in the upper Sevier River Basin this year I feel it is necessary to release additional water for safety purposes. I have ordered the care taker at the Piute Reservoir to maintain elevation 70.5 on Piute Reservoir until further notice. I will maintain a complete record of the releases from the Piute Reservoir to assure that the proper water credits are maintained. I will use the following procedure to regulate the water until the time Piute Reservoir can be filled to capacity safely.

I consider the regulation water of A-L to be floating water which must be used or lost if there is no capacity to hold this water in Piute Reservoir. Therefore, Piute Reservoir will not be declared full until the A-L regulation water, 7787 ac. ft., has been released. The water released (net releases) will be computed by taking the difference between the actual water released minus the water used from the actual water released. The 9000 ac. ft. of water that the A-L users have a right to store must be new water made this year and will be kept separate from the reg. water.

Summary:

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| Piute gage height April 12, 1973 | 70.5 | 59,090 ac. ft. |
| and Otter creek credit | | 7,416 |
| Credit gage height April 12, 1973 | 73.85 | 66,506 ac. ft. |
| Unused capacity April 12, 1973 | | 5,320 ac. ft. |
| Plus A.L. Reg. Stream | | <u>7,787 ac. ft.</u> |

Total Net Release Before Declaring Piute Reservoir Full 13,107 ac. ft.

When Piute Reservoir is declared full the credits in Piute Reservoir will be:

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| Total Piute credit when full | 62,826 ac. ft. |
| Total A-L credit when full | 9,000 ac. ft. |
| Total Reg. stream credit when full | <u>-0-</u> |
| Total | 71,826 ac. ft. |

A-L Regulation Stream will be on a use or lose basic after the net releases from Piute Reservoir = 5,320 ac. ft. Prior to that time Piute Reservoir will receive credit for the water released. I feel confident that I will be able to physically fill Piute Reservoir near the end of the high runoff. However, if I should miscalculate the required releases to maintain proper control of the water, the difference between the actual amount stored and a full reservoir will be declared as holdover and delivered as first water made in 1974.

Otter Creek Reservoir:

The Otter Creek Reservoir will be declared full when 7,787 ac. ft. of water has spilled.

If you have any questions concerning this procedure please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce Whited".

Bruce Whited

cc: Canal Presidents
N.L. Basset
Don Norseth